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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department in their ongoing antitrust case. I feel the settlement is fair, and no further action should be taken against Microsoft.

I work in the software industry as a developer, and I have seen firsthand the innovation Microsoft has provided the marketplace. It should not be punished as the settlement does by forcing Microsoft to disclose its technological secrets to competitors. Ending the case as soon as possible will allow Microsoft to return to developing new products and technologies that will ultimately benefit many consumers.

I strongly urge you to stop all further inquiry into the case, and support the settlement. It is time to put this matter behind us.

Sincerely,

Lee Robie